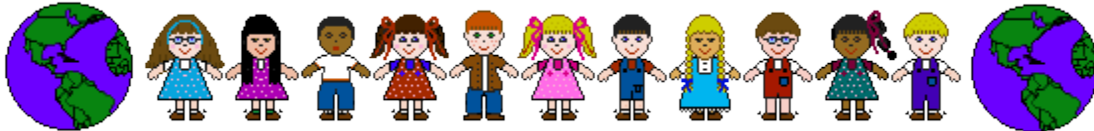


Classroom News



Classroom Rules

- 1. Listen carefully.*
- 2. Follow Directions.*
- 3. Work quietly. Do not disturb others.*
- 4. Respect others. Be kind with your words and actions.*
- 5. Respect school and personal property.*
- 6. Work and play safely.*

Consequences

- 1. Verbal warning.*
- 2. Meeting with the teacher.*
- 3. Lose recess time.*
- 4. A phone call home or a note will be sent home.*

CHARACTER EDUCATION

West Central Character Education Program's mission and vision is to strengthen our students' character, support our families' priority of character and to develop a strong community commitment to this vision.

The twelve virtues include: Honesty, Tolerance, Self-Discipline, Trustworthiness, Confidence, Friendship, Fairness, Sportsmanship, Responsibility, Respect, Citizenship and Kindness.

The virtue we are working on for September is Responsibility. Being responsible puts you in charge of your life.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23 - First Day of School

September 5 - No School - Labor Day

September 9- Scholastic Book Order due

September 12 - Trojan Reading Bowl - 7:00-8:30 p.m

September 13 - School Pictures

September 14 - In-Service for Teachers - 1:30 Dismissal

September 19 – Coronation

September 20 - Bookmobile

September 23 – Homecoming

September 30 - Trojan Buck Store

Continue practicing spelling words by going on www.spellingtime.com

PARTIES AND FIELD TRIPS

October 31 - Fall Festival Party - 2:15

December 21 - Christmas Party - 1:15

February 14 - Valentine Party - 2:15

Field Trip – May 3, 2012

BOOK ORDER

When I send home a Scholastic Book order, please make checks payable to Scholastic. Thanks!

CREATIVE WRITING

One of our goals is to improve our writing skills. Every day we work on our skills. It is so nice to see how well the students can create a story. We are working on capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and grammar. We are listening to our stories on the Author's Chair.

STARS OF THE MONTH

Each month we will be voting on our Stars of the Month. (Students who have exhibited very good behavior.) They will have their picture taken for the Hartford Area News and Humboldt Journal. They will also receive a special certificate. The parents of the Stars of the Month will be invited to visit our classroom to share an activity, give a presentation on their

occupation or special vacation with the family, or whatever they choose.

ACCELERATED READER

We have been reading books and taking tests on the computer that asks the students comprehension questions about the book. The Accelerated Reader Book List is found on the West Central Home Page. The students are then able to purchase items with their earned points at a monthly Trojan Buck Store.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Our Author of the Month is Paulette Bourgeois.. One of our favorite books by this author is "Hurry Up Franklin." It is fun to see how many books we can find by this fun author.

WEST CENTRAL SPIRIT AND PRIDE DAYS AND AMERICAN PRIDE DAYS

The 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month are designated as Blue and White Days (W. C. Spirit and Pride Days) and the 2nd and 4th Fridays are designated as American Pride Days. If you would like to, please have your child dress in blue and white on Spirit and Pride days and Red, White and Blue on American Pride Days. Thanks!

MATH

We have been working on adding and subtracting two digit numbers using different strategies. We do math flash card drills every day to help us develop speed in recalling addition and subtraction facts. Students who memorize math facts enjoy math and gain greater confidence. We also take a Mad Minute Math test every day, where we try to answer to as many math problems as we can in one minute. We also do a CGI problem (Cognitively Guided Instruction) every day. These are problems that encouraging reasoning. One of our math goals is to have all second graders know addition facts through sums of 18. I am confident we can achieve this goal!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have been learning about map and globe skills. After drawing a picture of their room, students should know about a map key and symbols on a map. Other vocabulary words we discussed include: country, states, oceans, continents, north, south, east, and west. We will soon begin our unit on People All Around. We will learn about the different ways in which people live and work together. We also enjoy learning about so many things in our Weekly Readers.

LITERATURE

We have been working in our Guided Reading Groups and various learning centers. We will also be reading from our Literature Books. Our unit opener is titled, "We Can Do It!" Included in this unit are three themes: Solving Problems - has students thinking about ways to solve problems as they read about a boy who finally learns to bat; best friends who have an argument and then make up; and friends who have a silly problem. Then, in "All About Me," students will examine their own feelings about themselves while they read about "Arthur's Pet Business" with the author Marc Brown. Finally, in "Learning About Each Other," students read a touching story about what it is like to have a sister who is deaf and a poem about what it would be like to change places with someone. When your child is in a Guided Reading Group they will be reading, doing activities to encourage comprehension,

phonics, and spelling. The other children will be in various learning centers. I am sending home books in "baggies" for your child to read to you and have you sign the form and return to me. Thanks so much! Please remember to read with your child, sign the Planner, and return it to school every day. I hope to encourage responsibility for taking items home and returning them to school.

SCIENCE

We are learning all about living and non-living things.

CREATIVE WRITING

We are writing stories and enjoying listening to each other's stories while on our Author's Chair.

SUCCESSMAKER

We visit the computer lab four days a week to do math and reading questions. It is a great program because it progresses at your child's own pace. We also have our regular computer time on Friday mornings.

PLANNERS

The Planners are a stepping stone to organization and planning skills your child will increasingly acquire as they progress in second grade. But, most importantly, the Planners are a powerful home-school communicator that keeps parents and teachers in touch and on the same team. It is designed to go home with the students every afternoon, so parents can see what they have accomplished that day, special messages for parents and a place for parents to respond. Spelling words will be written in our Planners on a weekly basis. Thanks for your fine efforts. I appreciate all of you!

READING RODEO

We will be starting our Reading Rodeo in September and continue through May. In second grade we ask each student to read 20 minutes, 20 times a month for a total of 400 minutes. If they reach this goal they are given a certificate for a FREE pizza that can be redeemed at the Pizza Ranch in Hartford. Keep reading and signing the calendars in your child's Agenda Books.

GREAT WEB SITES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

<http://www.abcparenting.com>

<http://www.pbskids.org>

<http://www.janbrett.com/alphabet/alphabetmain.htm>

<http://www.handwritingforkids.com/handwrite/>

BOX TOPS AND TABS

Please continue sending box tops and pop tabs. Thanks for your continued support. This will be an on-going project all school year. We appreciate your help. We were so excited to receive a big thank you from Ronald McDonald House for the many tabs we have donated so far. We also were pleased to see a video of a family we have helped that stayed at the Ronald McDonald House while their daughter was receiving cancer treatments. You are all so kind.

2nd GRADE MATH GOAL

All students will memorize addition math facts through sums of 18. Please continue working

with your child on memorizing math facts. Thanks!

WEST CENTRAL MISSION STATEMENT

"To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world."

Promoting:

Reading: *All students will demonstrate an improved ability to read and comprehend in all curricular areas.*

Respect: *All students will show an increase in positive behavior that is respectful of the culture, feelings, safety, and values of others.*

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Learning is something students do, not something done to students." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Teaching is a way of life." Jonathon Kozo

"Learning is understanding something you've understood all your life, but in a new way."

Doris Lessing

HOME

